

The STAR Grocery IS SELLING

23 Pounds Fine \$1
Granulat'd Sugar
26 Lbs. "C" Sugar \$1

Give us a trial order and you will be convinced that we are the cheapest and best house in the city to deal with.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS.

Brands that every one knows to be the best.

Lower prices than have ever been known.

2 cans Santa Rosa yellow peaches...	25
1 can Santa Rosa Lemon cling peaches...	15
2 cans Santa Rosa Apricots...	25
2 cans Santa Rosa grapes...	25
2 cans Santa Rosa pears...	25
2 cans Cuttings Egg plums...	25
2 cans Cuttings Green gages...	25
2 cans Cuttings Gold drops...	10
1 can pie peaches (peeled).	10
2 cans pie green gages in syrup...	25
3 cans pie grapes in syrup...	25

EASTERN CANNED FRUIT.

2 cans 9 pound pie peaches...	25
3 cans Blackberries...	25
3 cans Blueberries...	25
2 cans Raspberries...	25
3 cans Strawberries...	25
2 cans 3 pound Pineapple...	25
2 cans 3 pound Apples...	25
6 cans Cherries...	25
6 cans Concord cherries...	25

SUNDRIES.

8 pounds Navy Beans...	25
6 pounds Lima Beans...	25
Sugar Syrup per half...	25
8 pounds R. oats...	25
6 packages Scotch oats...	25
2 pounds Kennedy's soda crackers...	15
2 pounds Kennedy's oyster crackers...	15
Kennedy's crackers by box per lb.	15
Good Brooms...	25
1 gallon can Maple Syrup...	25
1/2 gallon can Maple Syrup...	25
1 qt can Maple Syrup...	25
8 pkgs New England mince meat...	25
Large pail Jelly...	25
4 pounds Apple Butter...	25
4 pounds mince meat...	25
2 cans Anderson Jams...	25
Anderson Jams per dozen...	25
Crushed Java Coffee per pkg...	25
3 pkgs Macaroni...	25
Perrinjohn's Breakfast food...	25
White Russian soap per box...	25
7 bars White Russian soap...	25
6 bars Fairbanks' brown soap...	25
6 bars Ivory soap...	25
8 large bars soap...	25
2 cans Nectarine corn...	25
3 cans Beantree corn...	25
8 cans Vinton corn...	25
2 cans Shenandoah corn...	25
2 cans Marrowfat peas...	25
1 can Kiva Valley early June peas...	25
2 cans White Wax beans...	25
2 cans String beans...	25
2 cans Lima beans...	25
2 cans Boston baked beans...	25
6 cans Kiva Valley tomatoes...	25
3 cans succotash...	25
2 cans 3 lbs pumpkin...	25
2 cans tomatoes...	25

DRIED FRUITS.

2 lbs Dried peaches...	25
2 lbs Silver prunes...	25
7 lbs Currants...	25
6 lbs Raisins...	25
6 lbs Cal. grapes...	25
6 lbs ex. pears...	25
3 lbs av. blackberries...	25
3 lbs country dried apples...	25

LARD AND MEATS.

15 lbs. white lard...	3.00
No. 1 sugar cured hams, per lb...	10.00

Dry salt bacon per lb.... 80

J. S. SPROAT, THE STAR GROCER,

112 EAST SIXTH ST.
TELE. 252.

WORST NOT OVER.

Wilson Bill Saved by Lobbyists
in the House.

May Yet Be Defeated in the
Senate.

WHAT WILL IT DO NEXT
Said an Old Democrat of His
Own Party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—[Special]—“Free trade, free silver and an income tax. What will be the next step taken by the Democratic party, I wonder?”

This was written in a telegram to the Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 8.—The Populist-Kolb state convention was called to order at noon today. A conference of members of the Republican campaign committee, and of representative members of that party from all over the state who are opposed to the Populist-Kolb-Republican coalition against the Democracy also opened at the same hour.

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“We must congratulate ourselves further on our victory in Kansas, Iowa and other states, where Republicans overwhelmingly defeated the Populists and recovered lost ground, which shows that the contest will be between the two national parties. The Democratic party is divided, the Republicans may hope for victory, if united, in Alabama at the coming election and will certainly capture several congressional districts.”

Every voting district in the state is represented in the Kolb convention today, and every delegate has been instructed to vote for Kolb and his ticket. Apparently the antagonism to the organized state Democracy is stronger than ever, and the chief hope of the latter rests in the nomination of an independent Republican ticket.

The platform will declare for free silver, and will be decidedly anti-Cleveland, if any reference at all is made to the present administration. When unbroken, but not dismayed, is the rallying cry of the Kolbs, while another is, “Kolb will be counted in and Kolb will count out the year.” A resolution which has been formulated, and which will probably be incorporated in the platform, declares that formerists are becoming numerous, that all classes of business men are awakened to the interstingation of business interests, that financial ruin is staring not only Alabama but the nation in the face, and that, not content with producing widespread panic and disaster, the organized Democratic party seeks to deprive the people of their civil liberties. Another resolution endorses Capt. H. E. Kolb as the great leader of the common people of Alabama. The Democratic state convention will be held next May.

Few persons not acquainted with the situation here can realize how near the tariff bill was to defeat, not only once, but several times, and the fact that it was finally passed with a rush reflects great credit on the political sagacity of those having the bill in charge. Democrats generally say that the bill as a whole is a good one, and that by its enactment into law the Democratic party will have fulfilled its pledges to the people.

But while the passage of the bill through the house was attended by many risks there is every reason to believe that the worst is not yet over. The original determination of the Democratic leaders to defeat the bill seems probable in the stage in which it came from the wavy and stormy committee was adhered to closely. This led many persons interested in securing a change in one or more schedules of the bill to abandon the attempt to accomplish their purpose in the house. Instead they will turn their attention to the senate.

The lobby at work.

Much skillful work has already been done. There is no evidence of money behind the men here representing the affected interests, and the men in charge have been intelligent and experienced in matters of this kind. As a result of course the money used is not given directly to those whose influence and vote are desired. Theater parties and wine suppers are frequent adjuncts in some cases, although in many cases the suggestion of either would do more harm than good.

The successful lobbyists know just what plan to take with each member of the senate. Not long ago a prominent member of the third house lost heavily to a western senator in a poker game at Chamberlain's. That was about the only way in which to secure the senator's vote for the bill in which the lobbyist was interested. It cost several thousand dollars, but it accomplished the object.

But such methods are the exception. They cannot be brought to bear in many instances, because but few members of the senate play cards for money. Not a few of them will refuse to accept anything from a lobbyist. A few carry their aversion so far as to decline to even speak to a lobbyist in public—certainly never in private. They know that to be seen walking down the avenue arm in arm with a well known lobbyist has been the ruin of more than one public man.

But the method usually adopted nowadays to influence legislation is through the voters of the congressional districts. It is undoubtedly the most effective way of doing the job. The average public man cares more for the opinion of half dozen voters in his district than for a thousand other men. The usual way is to send out petitions to be signed, calling upon the congressman to vote for or against certain legislation. It is no means difficult to secure a thousand or more names to almost any petition, but it takes time and money and a good deal of tact.

A case of tact.

The senator is plagued with these petitions. They come from every corner of the country, and they ask him to worry over what is under the sun. A casual observer would suppose that the entire country was in the case, on the tariff question. In this instance it is probably true as any question that has arisen in this country in times of peace. But for all the unusual interest in the tariff question men would not be found in almost every town, hamlet and village to sign out and get up monster petitions advising their representatives at Washington as to how to vote on specific propositions in the bill. No, this avalanche of petitions under which the senator is fast being buried is the result of an organized effort by the interested parties having their work in charge in Washington.

The effect cannot easily be foretold. The Senate is not usually a plausible body. Experience has shown that the house is much easier to reach and to influence. The senator has his traditions and his set rules; he is more deliberate and consequently less liable to change than the house. For these reasons the influence of the battle-ground selected for legislative figures. But in this case it will be the senate. It was appointed by President Hayes and held that position until he was made United States marshal of the district of north Texas by that judgment of the law.

In fact, it is rather inclined to regard it lightly, much as a freshman would be regarded by a senior in the school of politics. There will be no hesitancy, therefore, about making changes in the tariff bill for fear

of offending those having had it in charge in the house. There is already a spirit of dissatisfaction manifest among Democratic senators in regard to the bill. It looks as if the bill would be changed considerably, so much perhaps that even Mr. Wilson will not be able to recognize his legislative offspring.

The fight is certain to be both bitter and long.

MCKINLEY WANTS IT.

He Urges Alabama Republicans Not to Fuse With Kolbites.

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